

Inspection for Rabies Quarantine Facilities and Impoundment/Shelter Facilities

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Date 7-16-07 Name of Manager Dana Boehm, DVM Registration No. 07-0083
 Name of Establishment Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter Inspector Beverlee E. Nix DVM
 Location of Establishment 1855 - SE Inner Loop Mailing Address 1855 SE Inner Loop
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Note to Inspector: Put Yes, No, or N/A (Not Applicable) in the columns to the right of the question.

A. General - [Section 169.26(a)]			
<i>Structural Strength</i>		<i>Records (cont.)</i>	
1. Is the facility structurally sound and maintained in good repair in order to protect the animals from injury, contain them, and prevent transmission of diseases?	Y	13. Do records document animal description, impoundment and disposition dates, and method of disposition?	Y
<i>Water and Electric Power</i>		<i>Heating</i>	
2. Does the facility have reliable and adequate electricity to comply with other requirements?	Y	14. Are animals protected from cold and inclement weather and direct effects of wind, rain, and snow?	Y
3. Does the facility have potable water?	Y	15. Is auxiliary heat or bedding provided if temperature is below 50°F?	Y
<i>Storage</i>		<i>Cooling and Ventilation</i>	
4. Are food and bedding stored to protect them against infestation or contamination by vermin?	Y	16. Are animals protected from any form of overheating and from direct rays of sun?	Y
5. Is a refrigerator available for perishable foods?	Y	17. Is there adequate ventilation to minimize drafts, odors, and moisture condensation?	Y
<i>Waste Disposal</i>		18. Is extra ventilation, such as fans or air conditioning, provided in indoor facilities if temperature is 85°F or above?	Y
6. Are there provisions for the removal and disposal of animal and food wastes, bedding, dead animals, and debris?	Y	<i>Lighting</i>	
7. Are disposal facilities operated in a manner that minimizes vermin infestations, odors, and disease hazards?	Y	19. Is lighting adequate to permit routine inspection and cleaning?	Y
8. Is there a suitable method for rapidly and safely removing water and other liquid wastes?	Y	20. Are primary enclosures situated to protect the animals from excessive illumination (man-made or natural)?	Y
<i>Washrooms and Sinks</i>		<i>Construction</i>	
9. Are there facilities (washrooms, basins, or sinks) for employees to wash their hands?	Y	21. Is the facility constructed to protect the animals and not create a health risk or public nuisance?	Y
<i>Management</i>		22. Are building surfaces constructed of nonabsorbent materials that can be readily sanitized?	Y
10. For facilities (quarantine, impoundment, and shelters) located in a county with a population of 75,000 or over (only), in accordance with Chapter 823.003:		23. Is the floor made of durable, nonabsorbent material?	Y
a. Are animals separated by species and by sex?	Y	<i>Primary Enclosures</i>	
b. Are animals of relatively the same size sharing cages/pens?	Y	24. Are primary enclosures maintained in good repair, impervious to moisture, and readily sanitized?	Y
c. Are sick or injured animals segregated from healthy animals?	Y	25. Do primary enclosures enable the animal to remain dry and clean and protect the animal's feet and legs from injury?	Y
11. For facilities (quarantine, impoundment, and shelters) located in a county with a population of 75,000 or over (only), in accordance with Chapter 823.005:		26. Do the cages and kennels provide enough space for each animal to be in comfortable, normal positions?	Y
Has the governing body of the city or county in which the shelter is located established an advisory committee to assist in compliance with Chapter 823?	Y	<i>B. Feeding - [Section 169.26(b)]</i>	
<i>Records</i>		27. Are dogs and cats fed at least once a day and have convenient access to clean food?	Y
12. Does the facility keep records on each animal?	Y	28. Is food wholesome, palatable, nutritious, and free from contamination?	Y

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Feeding (cont.)		Rabies Quarantine Facilities (Completed by DSHS only) - [Section 169.27(a)]	
29. Are food pans kept clean and sanitary, and if disposable food pans are used, are they discarded after each feeding?	Y	37. Is there documentation of twice-daily observations of quarantined animals?	Y
C. Watering - [Section 169.26(c)]		Rabies Quarantine Facilities (Completed by DSHS only) - [Section 169.28(a)]	
30. Do animals have convenient access to fresh water and is it offered at least twice daily for at least an hour?	Y	38. Does the facility have a written Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)?	Y (2)
31. Are the water bowls clean and sanitary?	Y	39. Is the SOP specific for the facility?	Y
32. Do domestic ferrets have 24-hour access to water in a drinking bottle and to food?	DWA	40. Is the SOP posted?	
D. Sanitation - [Section 169.26(d)]		41. Is the SOP designed to ensure effective and safe quarantine procedures?	Y
33. Are excreta removed from primary enclosures often enough to prevent contamination of the animals (at least once a day)?	Y	42. Do enclosures have solid walls to prevent physical contact between animals?	Y
34. Are primary enclosures maintained in a sanitary condition?	Y	43. Do enclosures have tops to prevent escape?	Y
35. Are the building and premises kept clean?	Y	44. Do quarantine runs, cages, or rooms have "Rabies Quarantine" signs posted?	Y
E. Pest Control - [Section 169.26(e)]			
36. Is there a regular program in place for control of insects, ectoparasites, and other pests?	Y		

This facility has approximately 93 cat cages and 108 dog cages/pens.
 When the facility was inspected today, it was housing approximately 69 cats and 89 dogs. + 2 rabbits.

Inspector Comments: I was asked to inspect this facility in an unannounced fashion by Williamson County Sheriff Dept. deputy Mike Cowie as part of his efforts to investigate allegations of animal cruelty. In short, I find a clean, well managed shelter with animals.
☒ Check here if additional inspector comments are attached

Rating: Satisfactory X Unsatisfactory _____ Probation _____

If applicable, timeline for probationary period _____

As the inspector, I certify that I have personally inspected this facility and that it conforms to the statements above.

Beverlee E. DeFDM
 Inspector

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 Date

Dana Beckner, DVM
 Manager

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 Date

Beverlee E. DeFDM
 Regional Veterinarian

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being well cared for.

Several new procedures reportedly have been implemented since Dr. Boehm became interim director, such as (1) limiting euthanasia to unsocialized or ill animals (2) establishing infection control procedures to prevent disease spread (i.e. foot baths, population segregation, isolation, medical care, equipment assignment, and so forth), (3) providing medical care within the intent of animal care procedures, (4) training personnel & defining cleaning procedures, (5) engaging additional "workers" from personnel of the contributing cities and county, (6) using her veterinary license to order medications for next day delivery to care for animals, and so forth. Dr. Boehm is able to provide rabies vaccinations for adopted animals. Vaccinations and deworming are done on adoptable animals soon after arrival at the shelter. As marginal animals (mildly ill or possibly feral) are identified as suitable for adoption, staff administer vaccines & deworming to them. As staff increase and procedures become more efficient, follow-up and enforcement of spay/neuter agreements will get caught up. The shelter will contract with a reputable dog food company to provide a standardized diet. This will reduce the upset associated with feeding a variety of donated food.

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- ① Facility shifts ferrets to a rescue group, so they do not remain at the shelter
- ② Rabies SOP - when operations stabilize with additional staffing, the shelter manager may wish to revisit the quarantine SOP. Ideally, every aspect of rabies quarantine procedures should fall within one section - (intake, handling, observation, records, discharge documentation, fees charged, parties notified of outcome, record retention, testing procedures, sample submission, and local law requirements) of the shelter's procedure manual. Please do this update by end of August 2007.

I observed happy, healthy animals during my visit. Several government officials passed through the facility during my audit. All staff were busy and focused on their responsibilities. I had the sense that a lot of effort is being given to put into the operation of this facility.

DSHS gave Dr. Boehm blank inspection forms, so that ~~a~~ an outside veterinarian of the Board's choice can be hired within July to perform the annual inspection required in Chapter 823 TX Health

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Safety code. Ideally, the vet's inspection should be as